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## Obama's online secrets uncovered

By Vanessa Junkin  
Staff Writer

If not for the Internet advertising used during the 2008 presidential campaign, Barack Obama may not have become the U.S. president.

This point was one of many brought up by Emily Williams, who worked as Obama's online advertising campaign manager from July to November 2008 and spoke at SU on Feb. 11.

Williams, who is currently an interactive account executive for MSHC Partners, first discussed some media background in her lecture, then covered online campaign strategies and answered questions from the audience.

Williams said the Internet was an essential piece of the campaign, but not a separate piece.

"The really remarkable thing, I think, about this campaign, is that

there was this integration of an offline grassroots field program movement and it was woven into all the tools and online presence," she said.

The online advertising techniques used in the campaign include banner, blog and search engine — three different types of targeted advertising, specialized to be appealing to readers. She also noted the importance of having easy-to-understand, accessible pages that viewers were directed to after clicking on ads.

The new media department of this "Obama for America" campaign was composed of young adults — and many interns. "It's a new and emerging technology, and the people who are experts at it are all really young," Williams said.

The department used Web sites like Facebook, MySpace, YouTube and Twitter and also created and

used a social networking Web site called My.BarackObama.com.

Williams added that between 10 million and 13 million people signed up for Obama's e-mail list, compared to John Kerry's previous record of 3 million in 2004.

About three million people donated to Obama's campaign, and many contributed small amounts of money. Although Williams mentioned that less than one percent of the campaign's budget went to online advertising, she noted later this wasn't a problem — about half of the money raised came from the Internet.

This revenue went back into placing additional online ads, and any extra funds were distributed to other parts of the campaign.

"Obama completely shattered all small donor records," she said.

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Adrienne Price photo

**Professor Howard Dover, Online Campaign Manager Emily Williams and Perdue Interim Dean Richard Hoffman at Wednesday's presentation.**



Sarah Lake photo

A hungry lion dances around two unsuspecting SU students at the Chinese Lantern Festival, held last Wednesday in the Bistro. The event featured the Wong Chinese Lion Dancers, who reenacted an ancient luck ritual wherein participants fed the lion lettuce and the number of pieces the lion spit back at them was the number of wishes they were granted. The dance is based on ancient Chinese kung fu techniques.

## Outdoor Club sponsors first annual Undie Run

By Laura Bounds  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University 2009 Outdoor Club hosted its first annual Undie Run on a chilly Friday, Feb. 13.

The idea for the first SU Undie Run was developed by Shaun Sullivan, vice president of the Outdoor Club. Inspired by a friend who attends Swarthmore University in Pennsylvania, Sullivan saw potential in the school's "Dash for Cash."

"Both male and female rugby players do a naked run every year where they grab

money from spectators who donate to the team," Sullivan said. "I thought it sounded like an awesome idea, so why don't we do it?"

After bringing his proposal to the rest of the club, Sullivan successfully addressed the SGA and the Dean of Student Affairs, setting the first Undie Run on its way. Though a naked run seemed too controversial for the SU campus, wearing underwear was considered acceptable and the club was given a go-ahead for their fundraiser.

**See Undie Run Pg. 4**



In an effort to raise money, the SU Outdoor Club held their first annual Undie Run on Friday afternoon.

## Ruckus goes under

By Jonathan Moynihan  
Staff Writer

The illegal thing to do is still the cool thing to do. How else does one describe the complete unraveling of an established music distribution service networked across over 200 U.S. university campuses?

The business plan was simple: offer free music to college students across the country, gain registered users and then charge advertisers for space on their Web site. But why did the Ruckus network suddenly vanish from the Internet last Friday, ridding SU students

"It's difficult to compete with illegal free services,"

Cara Duckworth  
Ruckus spokeswoman

of alternative and legal access to music? According to Cara Duckworth, a spokeswoman for the recording industry, the answer is simple.

"It's difficult to compete with illegal free services," she said in an interview with *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Ruckus' story proves that the signature of agreement from universities does not promise the actual participation of its students.

"Ruckus has been the one that the majority of schools like SU, College Park and others around the country have been pointing to and promoting," said SU Chief In-

**SEE Ruckus Pg. 2**

## Nationally acclaimed illustrator returns home for lecture



Adrienne Price photo

By Gwyneth Ferrand  
Staff Writer

Award-winning illustrator and Pocomoke native Bryan Collier spoke at Salisbury University Wednesday, Feb. 11. Collier's latest book, "Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope," authored by Nikki Grimes, is one in which his trademark watercolor collages bring the words to life.

The story recalls President Barack Obama's childhood, made vibrant through Collier's inspired collages. While Collier acknowledges there are critics of the book, from the forums

of Amazon.com and beyond cyberspace, it does not lessen his pride or his conviction that making art is not always about the artist.

"It had to be bigger than just my name on the book," he said of the responsibility of capturing one of the nation's most high profile figures.

It was at age 15 that he discovered a passion for creating collages out of many different mediums, including old newspapers, pictures he had taken, and many kinds of paint — primarily watercolor. "It was like a bolt of lightning," Collier said of deciding to make art.

He's inspired by many things, but he always

tries to put his own spin on the mediums and bring innovation to his work. "I always look beyond the box," he said.

A graduate of Washington High School in Princess Anne, Collier was cheered on by his art teacher, who allowed him to work on his drawings during lunch. "You need a cheerleader, and you have to have purpose," he said of his motivation. "I dedicated one of my books to the custodian at Washington High, who always saw me in the art room during lunch and encouraged me to keep doing what I was doing,

**SEE Author Pg. 4**

# Briefly Stated

**By Vanessa Junkin**  
Staff Writer

**New Chat Service Available**  
The Circulation staff of Blackwell Library is excited to offer a new chat service. Basic questions such as "When are my books due?", "What are the library's special hours during Spring Break?" and "Do I owe any fines?" can be directed to staff Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. To access this service, simply go to: <http://www.salisbury.edu/library/circulation/index.html>. So what are you waiting for? See you online! LOL!

**Save Darfur Club**  
Students are trying to raise awareness about the on-going genocide that has been taking place in the Sudan for over six years. Students at SU have an opportunity to get involved. There will be an interest meetings for the proposed Save Darfur Club in the Fireside Lounge of the Guerrieri University Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 17. Those interested in helping raise awareness about the genocide in Darfur are encouraged to share ideas or just come out and support the cause! For more information contact Maureen Walker at mw05466@students.salisbury.edu.

**Gospel of Columbus**  
Salisbury University presents this riveting musical theatre work for nine performances Thursday - Sunday, February 26-March 1, and Wednesday - Sunday, March 4-8. All shows are 8 p.m., except for Sundays, which are 3 p.m. matinees, in Holloway Hall Auditorium. Admission is \$12, \$10 for seniors. SU ID holders are free. For tickets or more information call the SU Theatre Box Office at 410-543-6228 or visit [www.salisbury.edu](http://www.salisbury.edu).

**Family History Workshop**  
Want to research family roots but don't know where to begin? Dr. Ray Thompson, director of Salisbury University's Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, hosts a family history workshop from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 7, at the center in the East Campus Complex. Thompson shares some 60 different types of records and talks about how they may be used in research. "Who wouldn't want to learn more about themselves—where they came from, who their ancestors were and what they were like?" Thompson said. "But when people hear the word 'genealogy,' it brings to mind dusty books, dry statistics and daunting hours of research work. Most people feel discouraged before they even begin. For others, it's simply a matter of not having the time to spend hours online or studying historical archives researching their family history. Even the most enthusiastic beginning family researchers need some basic help to get started." Cost is \$30 per person. To register or for more information call 410-543-6312 or visit the Nabb Research Center Web site at <http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu>.

**Kalimba King shares African tradition**  
**By Samantha Fisher**  
Staff Writer

A different kind of culture came to Salisbury University on Feb. 12 in the form of Carl Winters a.k.a. "The Kalimba King." Before the show Vaughn White, Director of the Multicultural Student Services, gave a bit of background information on what the show was all about. He said that the instrument known as the "kalimba" was used in the popular music of the sixties and seventies but is now "used in traditional African music."

Winters was born in San Antonio, Texas, and attended Texas Southern University. He was a teacher for basic functions in elementary school but later "found a void in the lack of teaching kalimba music." Winters originally used his voice as his instrument, but in 1974 he started to play the kalimba. After 20 years of experience, he felt that he was ready to perform.

Winters performed variations of several widely known songs such as "We Shall Not Be Moved," "Amazing Grace" and "O Happy Day." He also did some songs that were not as popular like "Sugar" and "Kalimba Blues."

After the songs, some background information on the kalimba itself was shared with the audience. The kalimba is considered an "African thumb piano" and is now popular in many African countries, including Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe. Kalimbas can have anywhere from 15 to 27 keys. Some kalimbas are made out of fiber glass; others are made out of wood.

Now Winters travels to libraries, multicultural affairs and other events to share his music. When asked if he had any advice for future musicians of the kalimba he said, "You have to be dedicated."

**Weekly Poll**  
We asked 100 SU students:  
When asked, "Which movie do you think should win the Oscar for Best Picture?", the student body responded:  
Slumdog Millionaire 27%  
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button 24%  
Milk 21%  
Frost/Nixon 18%  
The Reader 10%

## Students may save money with new textbook plan

**By Vanessa Junkin**  
Staff Writer

A unanimous decision by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents will ideally result in students saving money for the 2009-2010 school year.

At their meeting on Feb. 13, the Board of Regents passed the University System of Maryland Policy on Textbook Affordability Measures, which will strive to keep the costs of textbooks as low as possible for students in the 13 USM schools.

Regent David Nevins noted that each year textbook prices seem to increase by a double-digit percentage increment. He mentioned that with the new policy, students might be able to save as much as 20 or 30 percent on textbooks each semester.

"I do support this policy. It's long overdue and really recognizes the skyrocketing costs of textbooks to students," said Tom Jones, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at SU.

Faculty members are involved in



April Katsirbas photo

*Kalimba King Carl Winters performs Thursday night in the Gulls Nest.*

## Ward Museum affected by ailing economy

**By Jacqueline Miller**  
Staff Writer

The current state of the economy has put the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art in quite a bind. Not only is the museum losing public and private funding, but participation in the various programs they hold, as well.

In order to counteract the effects of the economy, various new programs have been put into place. With a significant decrease in gift shop sales, the museum has begun selling items on eBay.com in order to broaden their customer base.

The economy has also affected the field trips taken by the local schools. Due to budget reductions schools simply cannot afford to take field trips so the Ward Museum has developed the "Fund a Field Trip Scholarship Program" where members of the community can donate money to help bring field trips back to the kids. "It's a great way to help out the community and local schools," said Executive Director Lora Bottinelli.

The Ward Museum has a lot to offer SU students, from exhibitions to internships to permanent jobs.

A few upcoming events students may be interested in are the Things with Wings exhibition, which will be held May 1 to July 19, and the 39th Annual Ward World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition & Art Festival April 24 to 26. The Things with Wings exhibition, organized by the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, showcases the art of ancient Greek gods and other mythological creatures will be featured in the exhibit with bronze and marble statuettes, vases and gems.

The Annual World Championship Carving Competition & Art Festival will take place at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City, MD. People from all over the world come together for the event where there will be benefit auctions, art classes and seminars, demonstrations, children's activities and more than 150 exhibitor booths.

There are many internship opportunities at the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art for all types of majors. They are currently looking to fill many different positions from the education to the public relations department. Although the positions are unpaid, they offer knowledge of the field, on-the-job experience and a way to get your foot in the door.

With 2,000 members from all around the U.S. and 11 different countries, the Ward Museum is a great way to learn about the culture of the arts, work in a diverse environment or simply have fun.

## Crime Beat

**Off-Campus Robbery**  
Feb. 5, 2009  
11:30 p.m.

A student reported that on February 5, 2009 at approximately 11:30 PM he was approached by two masked men on Smith Street near Hazel Ave in Salisbury. The men robbed the student of property and then fled on foot.

**Off-Campus Robbery**  
Feb. 8, 2009  
1 a.m. - 2 a.m.

A female Salisbury University student was approached by two African-American males on Smith Street in Salisbury. The men robbed the student of property and then fled on foot.

### Street Robbery Tips

1. Try to remain calm. Do not resist. Consider the robber dangerous.
2. In most cases, the robber only wants your valuables/money and is not there to hurt you.
3. Assume the robber is armed, even if you don't see a weapon.
4. If a weapon is displayed, consider it to be real and loaded.
5. Do only what the robber tells you. If you don't understand, tell the robber.
6. Attempt to get a good, complete description of the robber, taking note of unique and unusual characteristics.
7. Your main goal is to survive!
8. Don't resist and fight with the assailant unless it is evident that your life is in danger.
9. Remember—your valuables can be replaced, - your life can't.

## Ruckus

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formation Officer Jerry Waldron. "We've talk about it at freshman orientation. We had about 2,500 students registered and using the program."

The online jukebox accepted students of registered universities, and used their university email addresses as sign-in names, allowing them to legally download music onto their computer for enjoyment. The hope was that students would be able to access any style or artist they wanted without violating the guidelines of copyright laws, Waldron said.

However, as students used Ruckus to satisfy their musical appetite, they became frustrated and upset over their inability to transfer their downloaded content onto their portable music devices. "Because they couldn't put the songs on their iPods, I know students began to look elsewhere," Waldron said. "It's not the main reason [Ruckus] went down, but it's a significant part."

"I don't know if many [students] were repeat users," he said.

Due to their lack of viewership and use, Ruckus could not charge the necessary amount for their ad space, and ultimately, their ad revenue became so low it was unable to sustain the program.

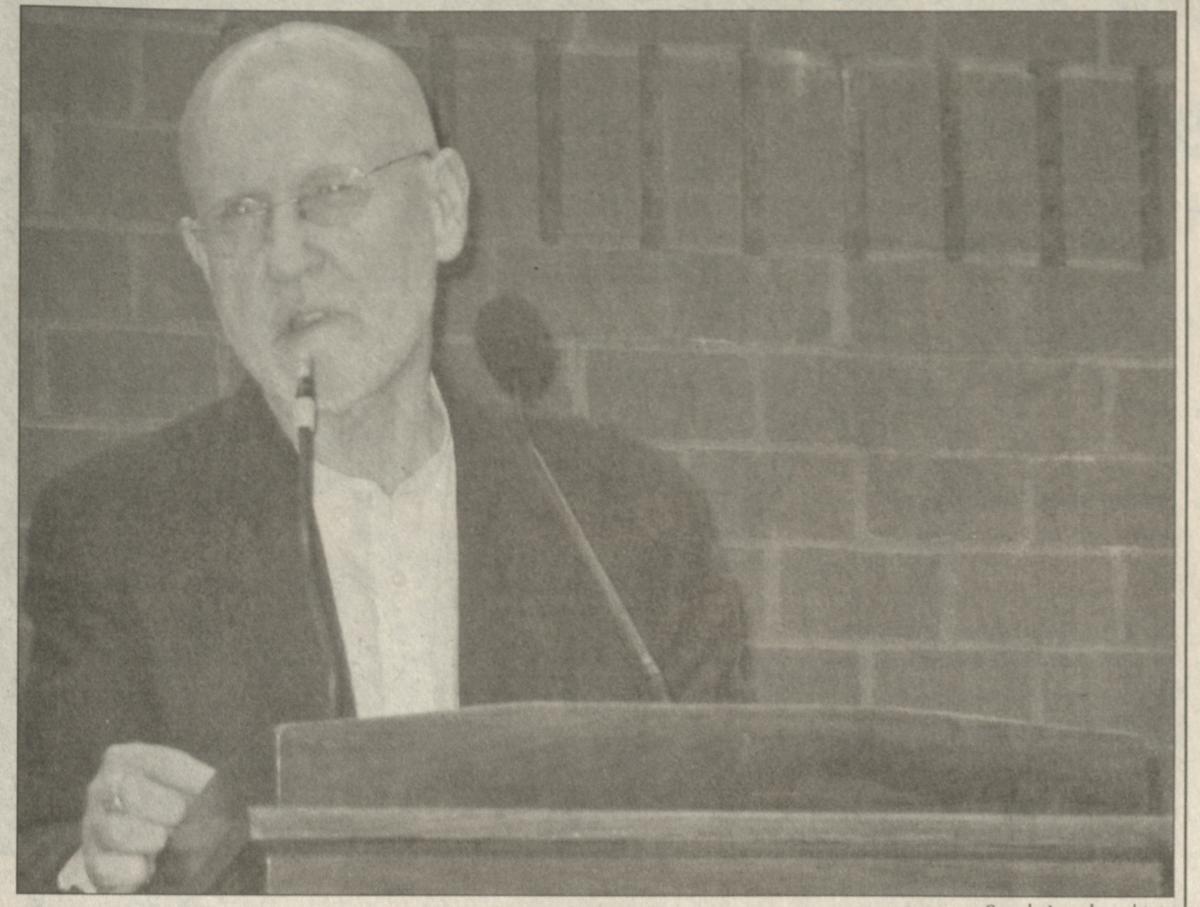
The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) is saying that colleges have a real responsibility to monitor illegal downloading, and in an act to satisfy their demands, SU and other universities signed with Ruckus, Waldron said.

Ruckus' dismantlement came as a big surprise to anyone who used their services. However, this shock pales in comparison to the alarming truth that SU has a serious and legitimate problem with its students downloading illegally.

Without Ruckus, the University is at a crossroads. "We're trying to figure out what to do next. We're playing with one less club in the bag," Waldron said. SU is not only trying to satisfy the demands of the RIAA, but they're also combatting the illegal downloading amongst the student body.

"It's a best effort. That's what we can offer," Waldron said. In terms of competing against illegal avenues for downloading music, he simply said, "You can't."

## "Imperium in Imperio" defined at Keynote Lecture



Sarah Jacobs photo

*Dr. Jon-Christian Suggs, keynote speaker, presented "Imperium in Imperio: Double Consciousness, Double Citizenship and the Promise of the Obama Presidency" Tuesday night in the Wicomico Room.*

**By Lauren Sadler**  
Staff Writer

Dr. Jon-Christian Suggs spoke at Salisbury's African American History Month's Keynote Lecture this past Tuesday, Feb. 10. His speech titled "Imperium in Imperio: Double Consciousness, Double Citizenship and the Promise of the Obama Presidency," documented the identity struggle African Americans have faced since the nineteenth century and continue to face today.

Dr. James King introduced his "mentor and guide," Dr. Suggs. Suggs noted that 2009 is the hundred-year anniversary of the NAACP as well as the bicentennial of two renowned abolitionists, Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin. However, it was Sutton E. Griggs, African American author, Baptist minister and social activist, who coined the phrase "Imperium in

cures survival [by leading a double life]."

Calling someone African American "doesn't look like something you will out of existence" Suggs said when asked if the term African America perpetuated double consciousness. "We have historical connections to words. Different generations have different connections to words. Some people want to make those distinctions for different reasons, some not so nice."

"I think double consciousness will continue...because of irony," Suggs said.

African Americans know something white people will never know, and that is ironic, Suggs said.

Suggs teaches as Professor Emeritus of African American Literature at City University in New York. He has authored several books, including *Whispered Confessions*, *Law and Narrative in African American Life*.

## Obama

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Obama supporters were an integral part of the campaign, Williams said, because they were often able to recruit others. "The number of people that got involved, the number of volunteers, was unlike anything that you've ever seen in politics," she said.

Although the online tactics worked well in 2008, Williams doesn't assume the same plan would be successful for every presidential candidate. "Everything about the online program was really authentic to him," she said.

At first, she said it was predicted Obama would lose to Hillary Clinton in the primaries. However, with new techniques in online campaigning and the assistance of American people, he made it to the presidency.

"What we were doing in headquarters — our job there — wasn't really to run this campaign. It was to manage the tools that people were using in the field to run their own campaign," she said.

## S.O.A.P. weekly events

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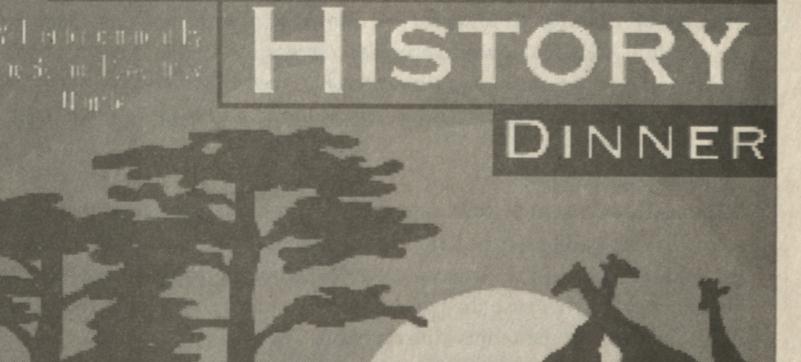
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## Juicy Campus loses funding



By Nick Lehwald  
Staff Writer

After two years of controversy, the college social networking Web site juicycampus.com was permanently shut down on Feb. 5. In a statement posted on the site's official blog, founder Matt Ivester announced the closure, saying "even with great traffic and strong user loyalty, a business can't survive and grow without a steady stream of revenue to support it."

Embroiled in controversy almost since its inception in 2007, the closure is a relief to college administrators and students around the country. While intended to be a site where students could post uncensored gossip anonymously about classmates, it quickly became a source of grief for many. According to the site, its mission was to promote "online anonymous free speech on college campuses."

Instead, it became a haven for personal attacks, rumor spreading, threats and harassment. At least two users were arrested after they posted threats of violence against their schools and other students.

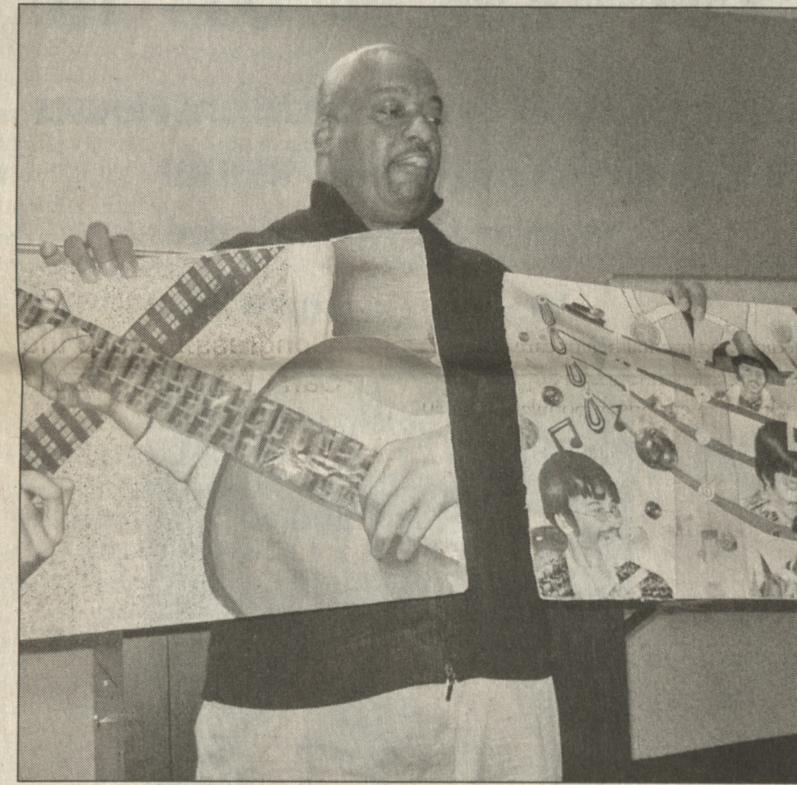
SU students were not immune from the viral mudslinging. Last semester, the Vice President of Student Affairs Office received several complaints from students, asking that the site be blocked. While SU has the ability to block certain Web sites on campus, it does not take the task lightly.

"Blocking specific Web sites is a serious business and has to be considered carefully, since first amendment rights may be involved," said Jerome Waldron, chief information officer for technical services. "Frankly, there was much relief when Juicy Campus closed down, but of course it is just a matter of time before another like it opens."

Another site has already appeared to fill the void. Replacing juicycampus.com is Collegegeach.com, which has taken up the reigns in anonymous gossip sharing. Any users trying to find juicycampus.com are being redirected to collegegeach.com or the Anonymous Confession Board (ACB), founded and run by Wesleyan University freshman Peter Frank. While still new, the trend of trash talk has already started on the new site, and is likely to continue into the foreseeable future.

## Author

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Brian Collier's most recent work, titled "Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope," features his trademark watercolor collages.

would take me somewhere." After getting a partial scholarship to The Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, Collier realized he was in the midst of many budding talents who sought to change the landscape of art, music and fashion. "I had a class with Marc Jacobs, the designer, and many figureheads in the entertainment industry would be teaching classes there. It was an amazing time."

Collier speaks of his struggle to get recognized in the beginning of his career, saying, "One day a week for seven years I dropped off my portfolio and got rejected." His advice to budding illustrators is not to wait for opportunities but to seek out prospective publishers and persevere through rejection. "It doesn't have to take you seven years to get published like it took me," he said.

## From the Suggestion Box

This column is based on the comments and concerns of students, faculty, and staff via the suggestion box online at [www.salisbury.edu/suggestionbox](http://www.salisbury.edu/suggestionbox). The President's Office seeks responses to the issues raised from appropriate campus personnel. Not everything can be fixed, but a reasoned explanation can be offered. Keep those suggestions coming!

From the Suggestion Box:

"We need a stop sign or yield sign at the corner where the road that leads to the TETC building runs behind the tennis courts. I walk there every day and on 4 occasions I've seen a driver coming in from College Avenue almost wrecking because they do not see the driver coming out (because of the screens on the tennis court fences). Thanks."

Edwin Lashley, Chief of University Police, responded:

"The area referred to in your email was thoroughly examined by the University Police Department. It is our professional belief that the real danger at the location mentioned is view obstruction caused by netting on the south fence of the tennis courts. In the interim a traffic control device that is intended to caution is more suitable for this situation rather than an enforceable stop sign. I will direct that this option be explored immediately."

Also from the Suggestion Box:

"Please make an effort to secure access when using a visa credit card for bill payment. This certainly is a hurdle to cross when you have limited access. Please include contact phone numbers in your billing statements. Thanks."

Tony Pasquarrelo, General Accounting Director, responded:

"We're contacting IT about adding the phone number to the bill. Since our bill is customized, any changes to that will require IT support, testing, etc. I will also contact Sallie Mae about their acceptance of VISA."



Sarah Wright photo

**Outdoor club members Billy Wootten and Mike Greenfield don thongs during Friday's Undie Run. The club's main goal was to raise money for trips. They raised about \$20. The run began and ended at Maggs Gym.**

## Undie Run

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The main goal of the run was to make trips for the Outdoor Club less expensive for all those who want to attend. Spectators and those running in more than their underwear were asked to donate at least a dollar so the Club can go on a variety of outdoor adventures.

"We need to raise awareness for the Outdoor Club and the run will be a fun way to do it," said Mike Greenfield, a junior at SU and member of the Outdoor Club. "Though it may be a little embarrassing!"

"We definitely want to make the

Undie Run happen every year and raise even more money for the Outdoor Club," Sullivan said.

Up next for the club is a Via Ferrata road trip to West Virginia. Taking place over Spring Break, March 13 to 16, the club members will participate in camping, climbing, hiking and cave exploring, all while enjoying the nature of West Virginia. Those wanting to join the Outdoor Club can attend meetings held every Monday at 7 p.m. in room 252 of the Teacher Education and Technology Center.

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2/26 Thursday	Severn Lounge	9:00 PM
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February 17, 2009



AP photo  
**A fire truck is dwarfed by flames from a bushfire about 125 kilometers west of Melbourne on Saturday.**

## Arson evidence mounts in wildfire investigation

By Meredith Ray  
Staff Writer

Australia's second largest city. The fires burned 1,100 square miles of land, destroying over 750 homes. At least 5,000 people have been left homeless.

"We've still got several significant fires burning across the state, but the weather conditions at the moment have stalled a little bit, which is allowing some good, active work," said Nina Cullen emergency official.

Many burned areas have yet to be searched and several towns, including Marysville, have been sealed off because of the horrific death scene within them. Many residents waited too long to escape and perished when they finally made the attempt. Charred cars line the roadways.

"The direction it came from, the pace it came with, all of those things are a part of the way we investigate a fire," said Christine Nixon, Victoria's police commissioner.

"Part of the concerns about Marysville is that it was just unexplained."

Police consider arson a high possibility since no natural event such as lightning occurred to start the blazes. Any arsonist could face charges of manslaughter or murder.

Strong winds and record temperatures of 115.5 F fueled the fires and spread them across the rural towns north of Melbourne, Australia.

## Enzyme CHIP could suppress breast cancer

By Kelley Matney  
Staff Writer

Scientists in Japan have discovered an enzyme that is able to suppress breast cancer. The scientists hope that their breakthrough will prompt new therapies aimed at managing breast cancer.

He added that in an equivalent experiment that used a more aggressive form of human breast cancer cells the results were the same as in the first experiment.

The experiment concludes that the CHIP protein avers breast tumors from growing and metastasizing.

Metastasis is when, in this case, breast cancer, spreads from its original location to other parts of the body. This makes therapies more difficult and can cause death.

In an article published in *Nature Cell Biology*, scientists said in their experiment they injected two different kinds of human breast cancer cells into mice. One group carried the CHIP enzyme and the other did not carry the enzyme.

"In breast tumor treatments, measurement of the CHIP protein levels in the tumors may be valuable information for the treatment.

Furthermore, designing a new therapy that increases CHIP protein levels or its activity could be useful for breast tumor treatment," Yanagisawa said.

## Violence on the Korean Peninsula

By Daniel McElwain  
Staff Writer

Officials in both South Korea and the United States point out that North Korea's saber rattling is actually not aimed at President Lee Myung-bak but instead at the newly inaugurated President Barack Obama. The aim of North Korea seems to be to gain Obama's attention to early negotiations with the United States in hopes of obtaining early concessions. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will be making a trip this week to North Korea's capital Pyongyang, in the hope for economic aid to keep its ravaged economy afloat.

The North Korean leader celebrated his 67th birthday this Monday and many are still wondering who will replace the aging leader. Possibilities range from one of his sons to a collective shadow council that will rule with a son as a figurehead. Speculation is also high that Monday will see the testing of one of North Korea's Taepodong-2 missiles, missiles that may have the capability of hitting as far as the western United States. The last testing of these missiles, in 2006, were failures.

## California may release prisoners to combat overcrowding

By Sarah Duffy  
Staff Writer

Federal judges ruled on Feb. 9 to release as many as 57,000 of California's prisoners to combat overcrowding and poor conditions, which is causing inmates to die regularly from lack of medical and mental health care. The judges are calling for the state to present a plan to trim prison populations within two to three years. They say the state can cut prison population by 30 percent, but many are worried about community safety and price implications that the release will entail. The federal ruling says all released inmates will be considered "low risk," but many are skeptical.

Many convicted child molesters and drug dealers will be placed back into the communities in which they were originally arrested. Prison Law Office director, Don Spencer, says the ruling presents the safest option.

"We're confident that not only can it be reduced safely, but if the governor spends the billion dollars he would save from reducing the prison population into crime prevention programs, it would actually make the community safer than it is now," Spencer said to MSNBC on Feb. 10.

In addition to safety implications, the release could come with a hefty price tag. Many of the "low risk" prisoners work on the California Men's Colony firefighting crews. This could cost taxpayers millions of dollars in the long run if the convicts leave the crews once given back their freedom.

"This order, the latest intrusion by the federal judiciary into California's prison system, is a blunt instrument that does not recognize the imperatives of public safety, nor the challenges of incarcerating criminals, many of whom are deeply disturbed," said Attorney General Jerry Brown to Reuters on Feb. 10.

The governor's office says it will take the matter to the U.S. Supreme Court if the federal judges do not change their ruling on the releasing of inmates. Federal judges did not say when a final decision will be made, but are certain the progress in prison conditions will not be sufficient and that release is the best option.

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## HISTORY CORNER

February 17

1913 - The Armory Show opens in New York City, displaying works of artists who are to become some of the most influential painters of the early 20th century.

1936 - The world's first superhero, The Phantom, makes his first appearance in comics.

February 18

1861 - In Montgomery, Alabama, Jefferson Davis is inaugurated as the provisional President of the Confederate States of America.

1929 - The first Academy Awards are announced.

1954 - The first Church of Scientology is established in Los Angeles, California.

February 19

1878 - The phonograph is patented by Thomas Edison.

1985 - Artificial heart recipient William J. Schroeder becomes the first such patient to leave the hospital.

February 20

1872 - In New York City the Metropolitan Museum of Art opens.

1931 - California gets the go-ahead by the U.S. Congress to build the San Francisco - Oakland Bay Bridge.

February 21

1878 - The first telephone book is issued in New Haven, Connecticut.

1925 - The New Yorker publishes its first issue.

1947 - In New York City, Edwin Land demonstrates the first "instant camera," the Polaroid Land Camera, to a meeting of the Optical Society of America.

February 22

1856 - The Republican Party opens its first national meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

1980 - Miracle on Ice: In Lake Placid, New York, the United States hockey team defeats the Soviet Union hockey team 4-3, in what is considered to be one of the greatest upsets in sports history.

2005 - The band Blink-182, due to an "indefinite hiatus," split up.

February 23

1861 - President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrives secretly in Washington, D.C., after an assassination attempt in Baltimore, Maryland.

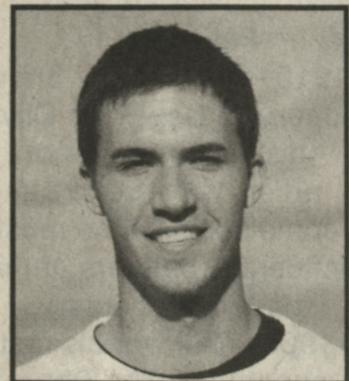
1945 - During the Battle of Iwo Jima, a group of United States Marines and a U.S. Navy Corpsman, reach the top of Mount Suribachi on the island and are photographed raising the American flag. The photo would later win a Pulitzer Prize.

# EDITORIAL

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## Overheard: For what cause would you take off your clothes?

Photos and article by: Sarah Wright



"Cancer. Some people in my family have had it."



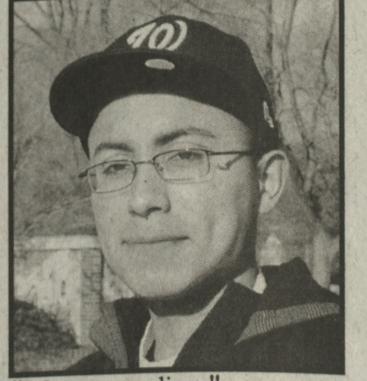
"World hunger."



"None."



"Breast cancer."



"More recycling."

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Luis Fernandez - sophomore

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## Poor ethics in the absence of incentives



President Barack Obama hugs Henrietta Hughes after she stepped off the stage to take a question from her during a town hall meeting to discuss the economy.

By Chad Grills  
Staff Writer

Democrats are moving at a blistering pace to get families the "help they need." The stimulus has passed. Tax rebates will be arriving to help families. Affordable housing is back. Workers will see massive incentives in paychecks this June. Take home pay will be increased by \$13 a week. Reap the luxuries while you can. Because in January it will drop to \$8. President Obama's political rallies for these causes included a town hall meeting on Feb. 10.

Two individuals in the town hall audience made a strong impression. Henrietta Hughes made her plea first to the president. Henrietta had "an urgent need" for a nicer car, and a place to live with her own kitchen and own bathroom. Henrietta and her son Corey, who is 37, just wanted some help. Days later, affordable housing (free) for the Hughes' came from Chene Thompson, who happens to be the wife of State Repre-

sentative Nick Thompson. In 2005, the Hughes sold land for \$47,000. On this and the \$800 a month Hughes receives from disability, Thompson says,

"...whether they had \$47,000 or \$147,000 in 2005, it doesn't matter. They don't have any money today..."

Julio Osegueda was next up to lobby the President. Although Julio doesn't have an unemployed 37-year-old son, he asked for more benefits. Julio has been employed four and a half years at his current job, and is attending school at Edison College studying communications. Unfortunately, Julio is out of luck until June, when he'll be given \$13 a week more.

In the absence of positive incentives, productivity will die. Work hard for over four years, go to college, and receive \$13 (temporarily). Collect disability with your 37-year-old son and get a free house.

Examining causation of the present is meaningless when incentives no longer exist.

By Eric J. Buratty  
Staff Writer

Unsurprisingly, Obama reversed many of the environmental policies set by the Bush administration. Focusing on improving standards, he also plans to change the tone of environmental issues related to water and shift the balance of land issues. Like most presidents, Obama appears to be taking steps in the right direction, essentially making a promise to improve policy. But it will all be at a great price.

In contrast to Bush's reputation, his rejection of the Kyoto Protocol and interference by his administration with climate research – he actually laid some useful ground work for Obama. Let's not forget that Bush left some increased financing for non-polluting energy sources and a 30 percent increase in energy-efficiency standards for government buildings.

Although these standards proved to follow good intentions, Obama wanted to kick them up a notch, – with little delay – tightening regulations to force automakers to produce more fuel-efficient vehicles. He recently told the EPA to reconsider a request by California to impose its own strict laws on harmful vehicle

emissions, blamed for contributing to global warming. And it will only be a matter of time until Obama challenges the existing Clean Air Act.

With water disputes in the West, estuary preservation and coastal erosion, and a variety of ocean-related issues including fishing limits, offshore wind power and the country's place in international marine regulation, there will be increasingly complex, debatable and costly environmental concerns. Not to mention the balance shifts of land rights, soil depletion, and national forests all were clearly limited by economic and political realities in the past. With a new president who thinks money grows on trees, it will be interesting to see how Obama deals with these water and land-related issues.

Obama certainly is not wasting time, and it seems as if he knows who needs to be done, but when will enough be enough? With everything Obama has in store, including his forthcoming stimulus plan, he is definitely creating an expensive reputation for himself. So the only question left is whether Obama will remain consistent with socially optimal outcomes – not just environmentally, but for the country in general.

## University police show no sympathy

By Laura Dignan  
Staff Writer

"I'm sorry, there's nothing I can do about that." These are words from a University Police (UP) officer when I called and explained that my house had been broken into over winter break. As a university student, I was very offended and upset that the police enforcement that should be protecting students was not doing their job.

I live in Cedar Crossing ("New

Zoo") which is not on campus but is still occupied only by college students. I understand that UP is responsible for protecting the campus, but they are also responsible for protecting SU students and especially those on or off campus.

Even a simple drive around the neighborhood every few hours would suffice. It would only take a few minutes and could ward off any potential criminal. It all comes down to preventative measures and I feel like UP could extend their jurisdiction to areas surrounding the campus as well, especially if it keeps the safety of SU students in mind. If they can take the time to bust parties, they can certainly patrol our neighborhood on weeknights and especially over breaks to keep us and our homes safe.

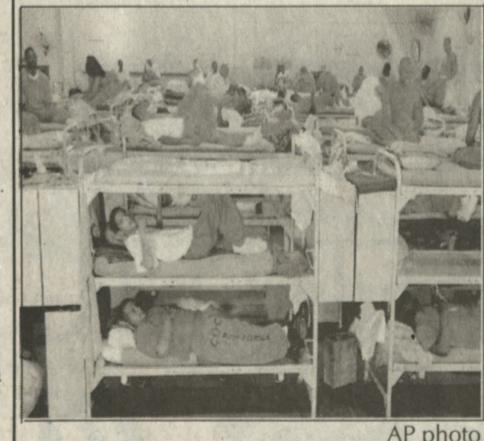
Coming back to Salisbury after a great break at home was a disappointment. I frantically called UP and got the aforementioned answer.

After arguing with the officer for a few minutes he gave me the number

of the Salisbury Police Department and I am deeply grateful that they took my situation seriously and helped me, my roommates and my neighbors through the frightening situation.

Two weeks ago, our own Flyer published an article about the new \$25,000 police car for UP. I hope this means UP will step up their game and protect us or else it was all a waste of money and a waste of a perfectly good front page of The Flyer.

## Overcrowding leads to Calif. prisoners' early release



California prisoners in crowded conditions may see early release.

By Morgan Majchrzak  
Staff Writer

I do not think it is fair that those prisoners can just complete part of their sentence and be released. What about those that complete their whole sentence? That leads me to my next thought: what are the criteria for those prisoners released early? How does the panel of judges choose if a burglar or a vandal should be released over a sex offender or murderer or the other way around? I really hope those released are those that have committed non-violent crimes and are not those that have murdered or raped. If that is the case however, I should hope that prisoners released from prison are immediately given a psychiatric evaluation. If the prisoner fails the evaluation, he or she should at once be sent to a mental institution and not be released onto the streets.

Addressing the yoga rooms, basketball courts and courtyards – are they serious? Why should they be allowed to meditate, enjoy a game of regulation basketball and reflect on their lives when the normal everyday person does not have access to these amenities in public locations? Have we as a society forgotten that these are people that have committed crimes, some violent, and should not have the luxury of being able to play a game of regulation basketball or meditate in a room designed for yoga? This is absolutely ridiculous.

Prison should be a punishment for doing wrong, not an enjoyable getaway. These judges have made two wrong decisions, and both should be immediately addressed.

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## Stimulus bill: Can we the people have a vote?

By Stacie Manger  
Staff Writer



President Barack Obama speaks to reporters during a meeting about the economy with Congressional leaders, Friday, Jan. 23, 2009.

Let us face it, our country, like the rest of the world, is experiencing economic turmoil. Our news forgets to show that other countries are failing too. While I was in Scotland, the pound tanked on one of the last few days I was there. Britain is bailing out their banks too. So now we have this stimulus bill that is being passed back and forth between the House and Senate. Sounds exciting, right? Spending to grow. But does a "trrimmed" bill of \$787 billion sound great to you? Not really, considering we

have to borrow the money, which puts us in a deeper debt than we are already in.

We do need to stimulate the economy, and a stimulus bill is not a bad way to go about it. But unnecessary spending is not a good solution. An Associated Press article said the bill still includes spending money to replace federal computers and issuing coupons for digital converter boxes so everyone in America can watch television. Hey Congress, how does that create jobs for the class of 2009 or people who are laid off? How does that "stimulate the economy" so we can recover from this recession? Some

of the provisions will take years before we see a result.

There are some great things in there, like the higher education tax credit, which helps us students and our parents. People who have been laid off can still pay for their health insurance from their old company until they find a new job, though that can get expensive.

What really bothers me is that they call this a bipartisan bill. To pass in the Senate, they need three Republican votes. Just three. That is not a bipartisan bill.

So why is it that we Americans do not have a say?

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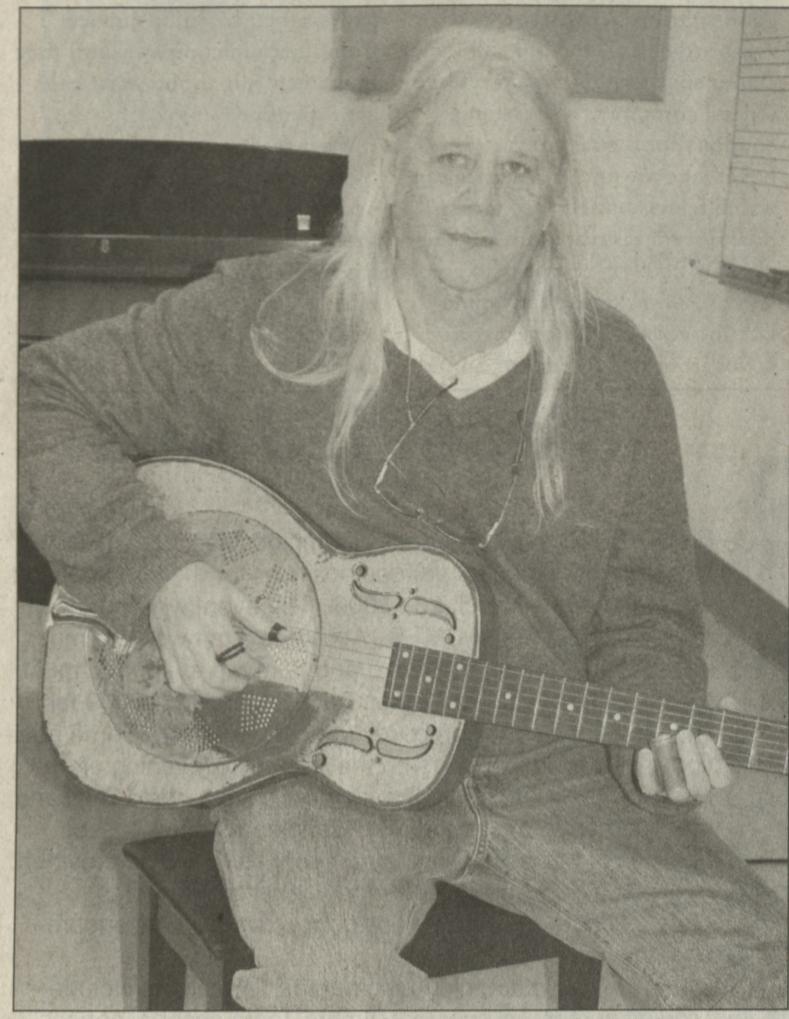
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# LIFE & STYLE

## Professor English fluent in the Blues



Heather Herb photo

Blues professor Chris English will star in his first showcase Saturday, Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. in the Black Box Theater in Fulton Hall.

By Sarah Lake  
Editor in Chief

He calls it a labor of love — something that excites him so much he often wakes in the middle of the night thinking about it. To Professor Chris English, preserving the blues is a calling.

"It's just a natural extension of what I find valuable in life, which is art and spirituality in blues," he said.

English has been teaching at SU since fall 2004. He has designed a course titled "Blues: Roots of Rock 'n' Roll" and according to colleague Lee Krier, his class always fills up first.

"He teaches something no one else can teach," Krier said. "I think a lot of people claim to play in blues and jazz styles, but Chris English is authentic."

Musics professor Danielle Cumming agrees.

"You speak to Chris for less than a minute and he radiates his commitment to the blues," she said. "It's just pure musicality coming from him all the time."

English has been playing guitar since he was 11 years old. When he first picked up a guitar, English was taking piano lessons, which he describes as "torturous."

"That regimentation didn't suit my nature. The guitar was something I

could do on my own," he said. "I wanted to apply the music I liked to the guitar and that motivated me to have a better work ethic. It became my own puzzle."

It was English's brother who introduced him to the blues.

"He would bring home this music that was very foreign," he said. "And the more I researched it, the more beautiful and spiritual it became."

English honed in on Delta blues — one of the earliest forms of the blues that boasts legends Son House, Charley Patton and Robert Johnson.

"With the early formation of blues, the Delta would have the most African and the most isolated content," he said. "The musicians made the music for themselves rather than for commercial purposes."

English is a Salisbury native. His son, Grayson, is a bass player in Naked Brunch, a local indie/rock band.

"My earliest memories are of his band practicing while I was trying to go to sleep," Grayson said. "There was always music all around. I just grew up listening to him play the guitar every day."

English has released three CDs and performs regionally. He has also performed in West Virginia, Virginia and New York.

"I perform as often as I possibly can, and wherever they'll pay me," he

February 17, 2009  
Authentic blues showcase planned

joked.

English won't be paid for an upcoming solo performance in Black Box Theater, as the show is free and any donations will go toward the Department of Music's Performing Arts Fund.

English will perform with authentic period instruments and will stick with a blues regimen, even though a lot of his original songs are country.

"My performance will be really deep, traditional blues that I've interpreted and regurgitated in my own style," he said.

Also performing at English's showcase is the World Percussion Ensemble, led by music professor Ted Nichols. They will play traditional djembe — an African drum.

"The drum ensemble is meant to compliment the aura of basic, African traditions," English said.

"One of the biggest African traditions is rhythm and melody."

English's performance will be held Saturday, Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. in the Black Box Theater of Fulton Hall. His latest CD, titled "Chris English 1-13-07," will be sold at the show.

"People should attend this show because they can learn something. Most people don't really know where the blues came from or what it's all about," Krier said. "Plus you always feel good when you're listening to the blues. It's funny how that works."

## On the down low: Dean to lecture in ongoing Salisbury Multicultural series

By Ashlee Laughlin  
Staff Writer

Salisbury University will enter its second week celebrating the "Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas" and African American History Month by hosting author Terrance Dean. The event will begin at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 24 in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri Center.

African American literary author Dean is a recognized motivational lecturer and founder of Men's Empowerment, Inc., based out of New York City. This is an

organization committed to empowering, encouraging and enriching men of color. "Men's Empowerment is an organization that is dedicated to the transformation of men of color in their communities for their own self-empowerment," Dean said on his personal blog site.

Through his lectures, Dean is recognized as a motivational speaker and informative source to young women about the secret life of "down low" men in the African American community.

This African American History month event is sponsored by SOAP and the Multicultural Student Services.



Terrance Dean

Entertainment Industry from Music to Hollywood." This controversial book was released in 2008 and describes the gay subculture of the hip hop industry from personal experience as a "down low brother." Dean will share how homosexuality is scrutinized in an urban setting.

To learn more about Dean and his work, visit his Web site at [www.terrancedean.blogspot.com](http://www.terrancedean.blogspot.com) or check out the series of books he has written over the years.

The theme for this year's Mini Relay University is "Night at the Oscars." Since it is Hollywood oriented, past successful volunteers will be making special appearances. Attendees can look forward to listening to

## Participants to get hyped at Mini Relay

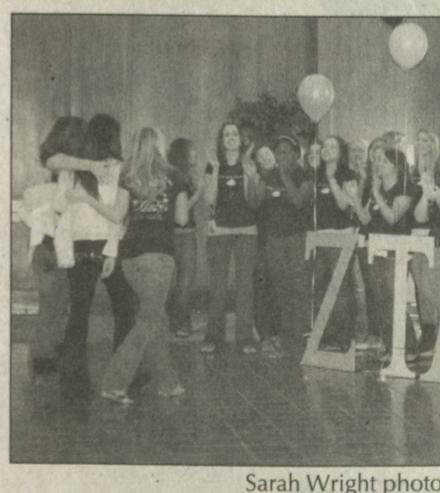
By Cara Barrett  
Staff Writer

Although Relay for Life is still three months away, preparations are already in the works for the May 1 event. To get Salisbury University's Relay for Life committee and team members excited, the American Cancer Society will be hosting Mini Relay University.

Mini Relay University is a small scale version of Relay University. Relay University involves all Relay for Life participating schools that are in the same division. Salisbury University is part of the South Atlantic Division. Mini Relay University, on the other hand, incorporates colleges and universities that are located in similar regions. For SU, that will include other schools from Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

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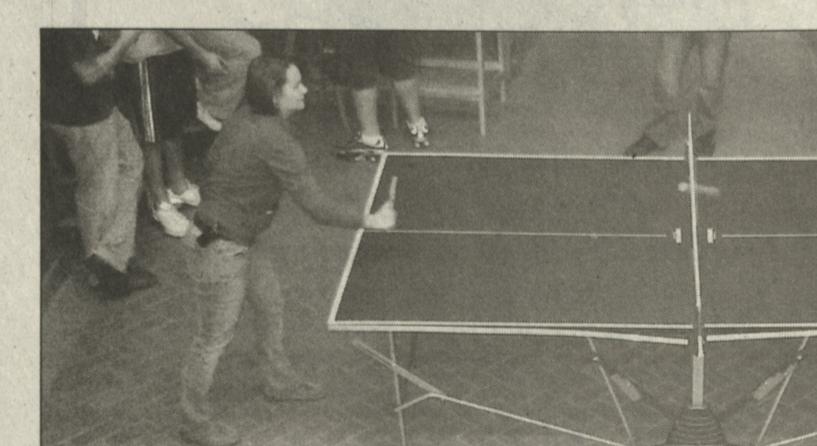
## From the Photo Bank: What's Happening On Campus



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Single students take out their Valentine's Day frustrations in a friendly pillow fight held Saturday night at 8 p.m. in Red Square.

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"My best friend just got back from studying in Scotland over winter break and I feel like she's really changed for the worse. We haven't been getting along as well and I don't know how to confront her or what to say. Any ideas?"

People are constantly changing and maybe she feels like she grew up a lot studying abroad in Scotland. There are so many possibilities and not all are obvious.

Whatever the case, remember her behavior is probably about her and not about you.

One thing you can try to do is be honest with her about your feelings. Say, "I noticed this about you and it is kind of freaking me out and I still want to stay friends with you." See how she responds. If she does get an attitude with you about your feelings, it might be time to reevaluate your friendship. If you can't talk to your friends about how you feel, who can you turn to?

Talking to your friend might also give her an opportunity to tell you about things that have been on her mind. Your friend could be giving you attitude because there is something else bothering her that she's afraid to bring up. Starting a conversation might allow her to open up and get out some of her inner tension.

"[Attendees] learn a little more about why Relay is so important and why we do what we do. I hope it encourages people to raise more money, as well as gives ideas that we can use to make our Relay better," said Lauren Friedman, co-president of Colleges Against Cancer (CAC).

This year's Mini Relay University will be on Tuesday, Feb. 17, and is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Worcester Room, above the Commons. Those who were planning on attending, especially team captains or teams members, were asked to respond by this past Friday. For more information call the local American Cancer Society office at 410-749-1624.

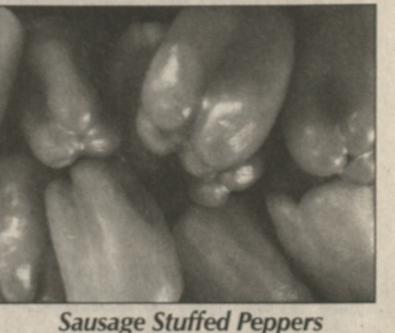
The theme for this year's Mini



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Comedian Ronnie Jordan does his famous Ruben Studdard impersonation at Wednesday's show.

## What's Cooking? Recipes for a tight budget

Sausage Stuffed Peppers  
By Mike Piorunski  
Staff Writer

If you're looking for a way to impress your date (but are a little strapped for cash), why not invite him or her over for an excellent meal at your place? At some point or another in your life I'm sure you've had stuffed peppers. This recipe is an updated version, utilizing sausage and a bit of red wine to give it a more complex flavor, as well as rosemary and chili flakes which are known for their aphrodisiac qualities.

This dish is hearty enough to serve as a main course and would pair excellently with a light salad and/or roasted red potatoes. You're also in luck because red bell peppers are on sale this week.

### Sausage Stuffed Peppers

4-6 Red Bell Peppers  
12 oz Italian Sausage (casing removed) or ground beef  
(Veg-heads can substitute tofu, tempeh or vegan "sausage")  
1 cup long grain brown rice (not minute rice)  
1 medium onion (red or yellow) (diced)  
1-2 cloves of garlic (diced)  
1 cup diced tomatoes (drained)  
2 oz red wine (optional)

3-4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
Salt & Pepper to taste  
Few pinches dried oregano  
Few pinches dried sage and/or rosemary (optional)

Dash of Hot Sauce (optional)  
Chili Flakes (optional)  
Large Pot  
Baking Pan or Casserole Dish  
Sauté Pan  
Medium Pot  
Method:

Preheat oven to 375°  
1. Cook the rice according to package instructions

2. Remove sausage from casing and set aside to add stuffing (wash hands thoroughly after this step).

3. Wash and pat dry the bell peppers. Chop off the tops about 1/2 inch from stem and remove seeds; dice tops and reserve for stuffing mix.

4. Bring pot of lightly salted water to boil. Place peppers in boiling water for 2-3 minutes; remove peppers, rinse in cold water and let cool.

5. In sauté pan heat 2 tablespoons oil over medium heat. Once hot add diced onion, garlic, pinch of salt and ground pepper. Add red wine after about 4 minutes to deglaze pan. Cook until onion is soft; about 5-7 minutes total.

6. Remove sauté pan from heat and add meat, rice, tomatoes, dried herbs, hot sauce and a few more pinches of salt and pepper; mix well.

7. Prepare baking dish by rubbing with 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Rub the peppers with the remaining 1 tbsp. of olive oil.

8. Stuff peppers with sausage/veggie/rice mix and place in baking dish cut side up; add about 1/4 cup water to bottom of dish. Bake for 35-40 minutes, or until sausage is cooked completely.

## Unordinarily S(h)ane

### Our Past Selves

By Shane Hill  
Staff Writer

it time to face the truth?

Often I'd sit around with my old friend Brandi and reminisce about freshman year of college and the crazy shenanigans we got ourselves into — the classes, the boys, ourselves. And when it came to us, we were so convinced that we were in fact different that we fished for compliments, almost as painful as trying to find needles in an endless haystack of memories. We were changed, although it was the things we had been through that morphed us into "better people." Despite

changing though, we wanted so much to re-live the good times that so often, we let our past engulf us and un-dug hatchets that

should have stayed buried. We were living in our past.

Sure, we can always look back at the pictures, tell the same stories and even try to squeeze into old memories and try to live in or re-create our formal glories and pitfalls, but are we ever really the same and that masochistic? The real thing to ponder is if we could go back, would we?

In the end, some memories are best left in yearbooks and photos and some pasts are best left forgotten; but one day, maybe even tomorrow, we will look back on today and wonder, what did I do with my life then? After all, the memories we carry tomorrow are the ones we make today.

## Club Spotlight

### The Spanish Club

By Diana Dwyer  
Staff Writer

The Spanish Club at Salisbury University has come a long way since its launch in 1982. Although they were once more formal, meetings and programs now consist of group discussions, community outreach, free tutoring for SU students taking Spanish classes, and tertulias.

"A tertulia is a group of friends who go to eat tapas, or finger foods, and traditionally talk about things like politics, economics and literature. Now people talk about anything. It's more relaxed," said Evelyn Michael, a member of the club.

In the past, the club hosted events like Toys for Tots and Festival of Los Niños, a library event in which members helped Spanish-speaking families register for library cards. "There were people reading to the kids and there was cotton candy. It was a fun event to encourage Spanish families to read," said Nick Meyers, president of the club.

Upcoming events include The Big Event, regular movie screenings, Cinco de Mayo and the Multi-Cultural Fair. A logo contest is now

open to any student who submits a logo through March 14. The entrance fee is \$2 and the collected money will be split equally between the winner and the club as a fundraiser.

Students who speak little Spanish, or none at all, are welcomed. The Spanish Club holds meetings in English and is open to anyone with an interest in culture and language. "We talk about things like slang, holidays and other cultural aspects. We discuss things you won't typically learn in a classroom and reinforce what is taught," Meyers said.

Corinne Pubill is the club's advisor and she maintains a friendly relationship with its members. "The Spanish Club should be a great opportunity for students to practice and expand their knowledge on Hispanic culture by organizing many fun events and helping the community here at Salisbury," Pubill said.

The club's next meeting is on Thursday, Feb. 19 in TETC room 155 at 7 p.m. Meetings are held every other week. For further information, check out the club's revamped Web site at <http://orgs.salisbury.edu/SpanishClub>.

Submitted photo  
The Spanish Club participates in open meetings, community outreach, Spanish tutoring and tertulias. They next meet on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. in TETC 155.



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Twenty-five SU students participated in the Winter 2009 Ecuador study program. Other winter programs included Scotland and India.

## Students travel to Ecuador for winter

By Robert Cogdell  
Staff Writer

Many students study abroad during the winter semester in various international programs hosted by the Center of International Education (SUCIE). Twenty five students geared up and ventured to Ecuador during the 2009 winter semester for one of at least three programs offered, including Scotland and India. These programs last any where from two weeks to a semester, or even a year. In this case, the Winter 2009 Ecuador study program lasted one month, with the students departing the day after Christmas.

"The end of the academic experience ended with hard work and hard play," said Spanish professor Carolina Brown, the program's director. This "hard work" consisted of hiking and even visiting the market and learning useful skills like bargaining. Another professor who taught the Communications Arts Study Abroad in Ecuador was Dr. Bryan Horikami.

While in Ecuador, students visited and studied in such cities as Quito, Ecuador's capital, and experienced the rare chance to stand in both hemispheres at once on the Equator line. Academic and cultural enhancements were of top priority for both the staff and

the students, who were eager to learn and adapt to the Ecuadorian way of life.

"It wasn't really bad adjusting at first, just interesting. I had a host family and the mother was deaf and spoke in Spanish, so I had to speak in Spanish and speak clearly and efficiently," said junior business major Jacob Kowalski.

The language barrier was not the only difference between the two countries. "It was 80 degrees [in Ecuador] versus 30 in Maryland," Kowalski said.

Living arrangements were pre-arranged with host Ecuadorian families, where the students resided for the winter semester. Although most of the students spoke some degree of Spanish, those with limited experience in the Spanish language were taught "survival Spanish lessons" and resided with families who were efficient in the English language.

While in Ecuador, the group was visited by Maarten Pereboom, the dean of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts, Vonzela Brown of the nursing program and education professor Regina Royer, who were there in hopes to develop other programs.

Students interested in future study abroad programs can visit the SU Center of International Education or inquire via e-mail at SUCIE@salisbury.edu

## SU presents Eating Disorder Awareness Week

By Stacie Manger  
Staff Writer

Salisbury University is hosting a variety of events from Feb. 23 to 27 in honor of Eating Disorder Awareness week.

"Eating disorders are estimated to affect 1 in 10 females on college campuses and approximately 1 million males nationwide," said Jen Poole, the MSW intern with Student Counseling Services (SCS). "Eating disorders are lethal; in fact individuals with eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any mental illness."

SCS, in cooperation with the Residence Life Wellness Team, is promoting "Be Comfortable in Your Own Genes" Community members are asked to donate

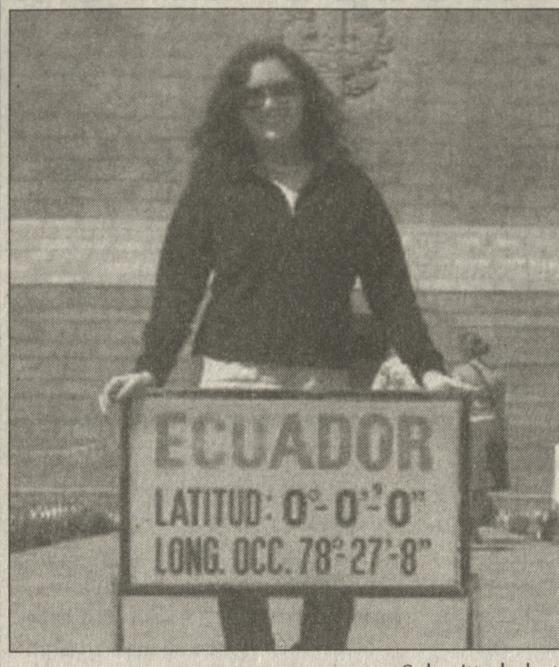
jeans that no longer fit in order to benefit Joseph House Crisis Center and to promote being comfortable in one's own body. SCS hopes that on Monday everyone will go "Mirrorless." This event is to encourage students to not scrutinize themselves in the mirror.

On Tuesday at 12 p.m. in the GUC, SCS will host "Straight Talk About Eating Disorders," a panel discussion. "This event provides a great over-view of eating disorders from the personal perspective of an individual with a past history of bulimia and anorexia, the medical complications that can result and the treatment of eating disorders," Poole said.

SCS will host eating disorder screenings in Maggs from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday. Thursday's discussion and screening will pertain directly to sorority members. The meeting will be in Henson 243 at 5 p.m. The final event on Friday will, "encourage students to declare their independence from the weight-obsessed world by signing a mindful eating contract," according to a press release. The contract will be available all week at a table in the Commons lobby along with eating disorder awareness ribbons.

"People need to be sensitive to those around them who may be suffering from an eating disorder to provide support and compassion. In addition, people should be aware that eating disorders are treatable with appropriate counseling and medical services," Poole said.

## Tannen receives prestigious scholarship



Submitted photo  
Kirsten Tannen straddles the equator and stands in both hemispheres at once during her stay in Ecuador.

By Casey Wachter  
Staff Writer

A Salisbury University junior spent four weeks in Ecuador after receiving a prestigious international scholarship. Kirsten Tannen, a communication arts mass media major and Spanish and history minor, was awarded the Benjamin A. Gilman International

Scholarship for study abroad.

Tannen spent time from the end of December to the end of January exploring and adapting to the culture of Ecuador. "It was an absolutely amazing experience. It touched something in my heart and was the greatest time of my whole life. I actually want to live there someday," Tannen said.

After spending four weeks in Ecuador, Tannen is already planning to go back for all of the fall 2009 semester to see more of Ecuador, Peru and the Amazon. According to Tannen, she spent the weekends traveling on many excursions and keeping journals to discuss in class.

The Gilman Scholarship is offered twice a year. In order to receive this scholarship, students must meet certain criteria. The student must write an essay, must

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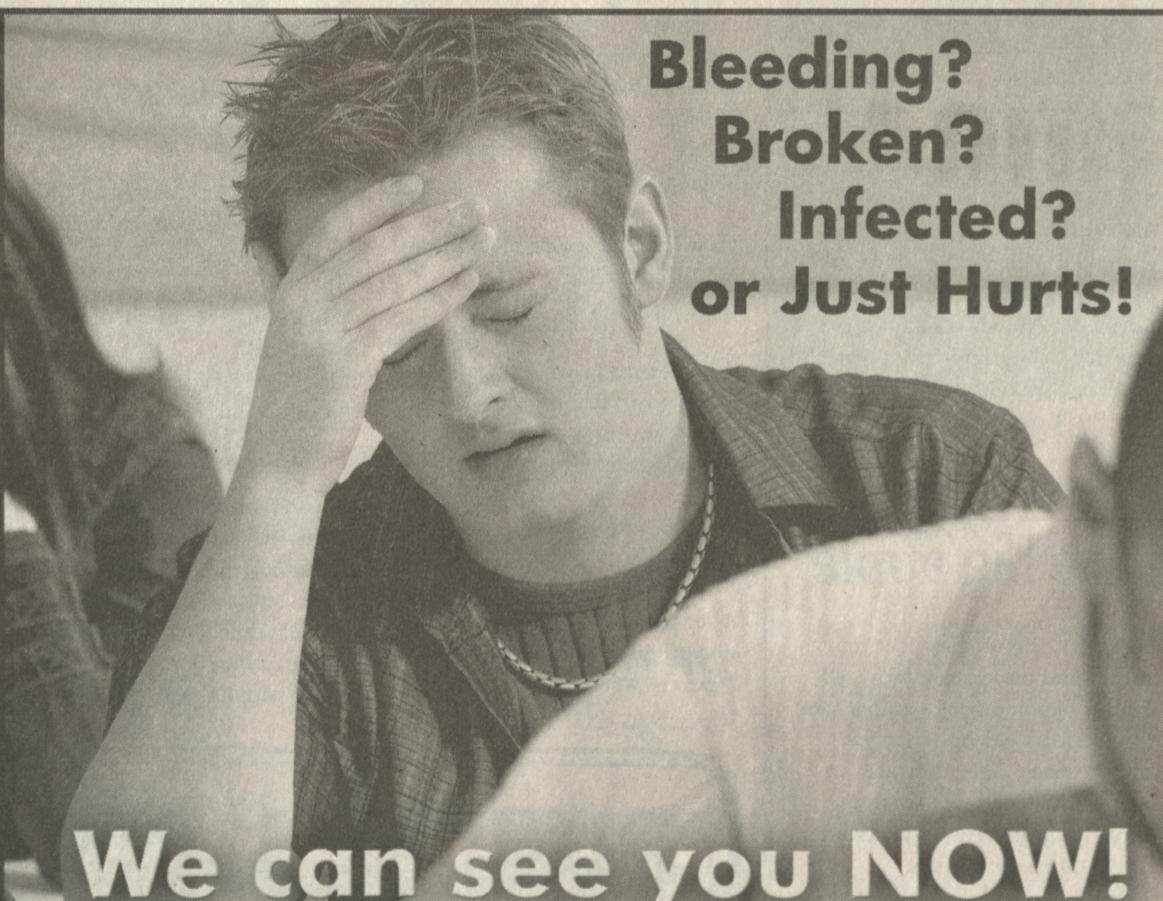
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